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SUBJECT: FY2007 Food Security Act (FSA) Compliance Status Reviews.

Purpose: To provide information and guidance in completing the FY 2007 FSA Compliance Status Reviews

Expiration Date: November 15, 2007

Background:

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has the responsibility to ensure compliance with the HELC/WC provisions as set forth in 180-V-NFSAM 4th edition part 518. Compliance reviews is a technical review of the entire tract to determine conformance with the Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985. The FSA Compliance Review website is the official site to enter all compliance data for nationally, and locally selected tracts for the county.

Scheduling:

Compliance status reviews must be conducted during the critical wind or water erosion period of the crop year for the annually tilled crop. The critical wind erosion period on irrigated cropland (in most cases) is usually between Feb 15th – May 30th. Wind erosion plans on irrigated cropland should be check and completed by June 30th. Water and wind erosion plans on dry cropland should be checked as soon as possible after fall planting. All compliance review data must be entered in the FSA Compliance Review website no later than November 15th.

Conducting Compliance Status Reviews:

- 1) Each field office will review the NFSAM 180-V-NFSAM 4th edition part 518 before commencing the compliance status reviews.
- 2) Each field office will down load the National selected tracts through the FSA Compliance Reviews website at: <http://ias.sc.egov.usda.gov/auth/csr/Default.aspx> or by going to MyNRCS.com; Field Tools; FSA Compliance Review.
- 3) Field offices are required to notify the producer of the compliance status review 30 days prior to the review.
- 4) An office review of available data shall be completed prior to performing the field portion of the compliance status review. A field visit will be made for each HEL tract to ensure that O&M of applied conservation practices is conducted. Steps for this procedure is spelled out in 180-V-NFSAM, forth edition 518.10b&c
- 5) Complete documentation for each tract where a compliance status review is conducted will be entered in the appropriate data entry locations included in the FSA Compliance Review Data base. A paper copy of the compliance status review determination report for each tract will be placed in the participants case file.

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Entering and Editing data in the FSA Compliance Review data base:

- 1) To obtain the National selected tracts for the county in the FSA Compliance Reviews website:
 - Click on data entry
 - Enter the following data; Review Year, State, and Location County. For the Review Status select “New”
 - Click Search.
- 2) Tracts on the national selected review list must be replaced if any of the following criteria are met:
 - No USDA benefits for the past cropping year
 - No HEL fields and no areas determined to be a wetland or areas that would be an obvious wetland
 - Fields that are HEL but no annually tilled crops have been or are currently being produced on the HEL fields and no areas determined to be a wetland

Any tracts meeting the above criteria are to be replace with the next sequential numbered tract. For example, if Tract 200 (selected from the national list) has no HEL or Wetland determination, or has a HEL determination but is in permanent pasture and has no wetland determination then this tract will need to be replaced by Tract 201 or the next sequential numbered tract that does not meet the above criteria.
- 3) To add tracts to the compliance status review tract work list:
 - Click on add tracks
 - Enter the following data; State, Administrative County, and Location County
 - Enter the tract you wish to add in the “FSA Tact Number” data field
 - Select the category in which the tract is added
 - Click save
 - If the tract number from the national selected list has been reconstituted then, add the reconstituted tract number and in the “Previous Tract” data field enter the tract number that was on the national list.

Each office will be required to notify Louise Davis, once the FSA Compliance Status reviews have been completed and the data has been entered into the web based data site. All compliance review data must be entered in the FSA Compliance Review website no later than November 15th.

For questions regarding the FSA Compliance Review website and data entry contact Louise Davis 503-414-3230.

Technical questions in conducting FSA compliance status reviews contact Todd Peplin 541-923-4358 ext. 131.



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